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The paragraph below is copied from a plaintiff's web page, and although it is not the exact language of the settlement, it pretty fairly captures the intent. I was not involved in developing the brochure, but I think the author of the letter's criticism is overly harsh.

(1) The NPS will develop - and distribute [appropriately] throughout the National Park System - a brochure about the unauthorized use of off-road vehicles. The brochure will explain that off-road driving is prohibited in the National Park System, except in a few legally authorized places. The brochure will explain the damage caused by off-road vehicles and the reason those vehicle are generally prohibited.

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Hi Mike,

Thank you for the note and for the copy of the letter. I am copying Russ Wilson and AJ North in Regulations also. We can all discuss.

Thank you,
Jennifer

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To Jennifer Mummart/WASO/NPS@NPS
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Hi Jennifer,

One of our local ORV stakeholders has written the Director (and copied the NC Congressional delegation) to complain about the new NPS (general) ORV brochure. See attached letter.

Locally, we have a considerable amount of park-specific ORV management information (an ORV information/regulations brochure we

developed with ORV stakeholders, a shorebird protection brochure developed with wildlife agencies/organizations, web pages, seasonal newspaper articles, and FAQs, some of which is posted at all ORV access points to comply with our CAHA-specific settlement (consent decree). Because of the volume of CAHA-specific information, we are finding that the general ORV brochure is concerning and confusing to our visitors and stakeholders. As a result, on April 15 we pulled the general ORV brochure from display at our visitor centers and only offer it "upon request" at park HQ. After receiving a copy of the attached letter, I called John Couch to let him know how CAHA has been handling distribution of the general ORV brochure since April 15 for the reasons described above and he seemed satisfied with that as a local response.

In any case, my guess is that drafting a response to the incoming will eventually get assigned through SER to CAHA, but the stakeholder is really asking the Director to consider pulling the brochure from all park units where it is being distributed and taking a collaborative approach to developing a an ORV informational brochure. I have no idea what the Friends of the Earth lawsuit settlement commits the NPS to doing and think that Mr. Couch's request is really an issue for WASO, rather than CAHA, to consider and respond to. Feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss.

[attachment "050411 incoming - Couch ltr ref ORV brochure.pdf"
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